GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4012
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MANUFACTURING OF TEXTILES MACHINES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of industries engaged in the manufacturing of textile machinery has gone down in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the Government have not given any incentives for promoting the manufacturing of high quality textile machinery during the above period;

(c) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the estimated decline in the manufacturing of the textile machinery during the year 1998-99 in comparison to that of the previous year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): The Federation of Indian Textile Engineering Industry hasreported that many small scale units and six major units have been closed down during the last three years. The reasons furnished are, lack of orders and competition from imports. The production of textile machinery during the year 1998-99 was Rs.1135.91 crores compared to Rs.1500.71 crores in 1997-98. The Government has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS)w.e.f. 1.4.99 for five years for the development of the textile and jute industry as a whole. It is expected that this scheme will help indigenous production and sale of textile machinery.